

## **The University Should Change Their Policy on Investigating Off-Campus Student Conduct Issues Before September 2021**

### **What is the issue you want to change?**

Currently, the student conduct and complaints process does not allow for events which have taken place off-campus to be investigated if it happened before September 2021. This includes sexual assault. It used to be that they could not be investigated at all but changed that in September however it only affected conduct issues which happened since that date. For example, in my case, the university cannot do much about a fellow student who sexually assaulted me off campus as it happened in June 2021, a few months before their rule change.

### **What solutions or actions do you have?**

I want this prerequisite of the event having to have taken place since September 2021 to be removed so ensure that students feel like they can speak up and something can be done.

### **How will you know your idea is a success?**

It will mean that students can report sexual assault and harassment and sanctions can be put in place for the perpetrators leading to the victims feeling safer, especially if severe action is taken place.

### ***For information:***

*Student Conduct & Discipline – UoB website page:*

<https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/registry/policy/conduct/discipline/index.aspx>